

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An optical fiber link has a plurality of optical fiber spans joined one to the other, the plurality of optical fiber spans including at least one first unidirectionally-spun optical fiber span and at least one second unidirectionally-spun optical fiber span having mutually opposite spinning directions.